FIFTH DAY.

Wednesday, 24th October 1934.

The House reassembled at 12 of the clock.

Before the business on the agenda was taken up, MR. K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY begged leave to make a representation on behalf of the House with regard to the conduct of work of the Assembly. He thought that the rules relating to the conduct of business were capable of stricter application than at present, in which case the House would be enabled to transact business more expeditiously. At present, due to dilatory talks now and then, a large volume of business was lapsing under several heads. If the President was pleased to grant his request, he said that the members of the House would be perfectly willing to abide by the instructions and co-operate with the President in every way so that as much of the business on the agenda as possible might actually be got through.

MR. M. C. LINGE GOWDA supported this request.

MR. M. S. SIDDALINGA SETTY also spoke in favour of it and added that members of the Assembly who were not on the Legislative Council should be shown preference in the matter of voicing their opinions.

THE DEWAN thanked Mr. Chengalaraya Reddy and his supporters for the suggestions and said that it would be in the interest of the House itself if members fully realized the value of time and not allowed, as sometimes happened at present, even questions to be converted into representations. Questions were meant only to ask for information and there should be no argument or discussion over them. By giving too much attention to subjects of minor importance, more important matters would naturally go undiscussed and it would not be possible to go on extending the duration of the session. It would save time and expenditure if the maximum possible business was transacted within the allotted time. In this view, he had no doubt that members would extend full co-operation to him in giving effect to the appeal made by Mr. Chengalaraya Reddy.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—*Contd.*

Non-restoration of Kurdihalli Tank, Kunigal Taluk.

MR. K. V. SUBRAHMANYASWAMI (Kunigal Municipality).—

Q.—24. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) When did the tank of Kurdihalli, Kottigere Hobli, Kunigal Taluk, breach ?

(*b*) How many acres of wet and *bagayet* lands were cultivated when the tank was in good condition and what was the income to Government as land revenue ?

(*c*) What would be the cost of repair of the tank ?

(*d*) Have the Government taken any action to repair it ; if so, when ?

(*e*) Have enquiries been made regarding the payment of any contribution by the raiyats for the repair of this tank ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—

A.—24. (*a*) In the year 1921.

(*b*) 40 acres, 15 guntas, according to re-survey. Rs. 160-12-0.

(*c*) About Rs. 11,500.

(*d*) The project is under scrutiny.

(*e*) The raiyats have agreed to pay a contribution of Rs. 8,290.

MR. K. V. SUBRAHMANYASWAMI.—Are the Government aware that the Tumkur road is being damaged frequently on account of the non-restoration of this tank ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—Yes.

MR. K. V. SUBRAHMANYASWAMI.—In how many years do Government expect to restore the tank ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—It is not possible to fix a time limit. The idea is to restore the tank as soon as funds become available.

MR. K. V. SUBRAHMANYASWAMI.—In view of the small expenditure that Government have to incur over and